

Summary: No Evidence That Bureau of Land Management Officials Improperly Released or Destroyed Records

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The OIG investigated allegations that two Bureau of Land Management (BLM) officials inappropriately released BLM records without going through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) review process. The complaint also separately alleged that certain other BLM records could not be found and appeared to have been destroyed.

We did not substantiate the allegations. We found that the records the BLM released were public and did not require a FOIA review. Moreover, following our request to the BLM for the allegedly missing records, BLM officials located and provided us copies of all relevant documents. Accordingly, we found no support for the claim that documents had been improperly destroyed.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the BLM Deputy Director for Operations, Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Director.

